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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1899-00
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File No. 108

Serial Nos. 1–5

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SUBJECT.

Petition from Mohamed Usman Sabi, toll Contractor of Mule hole, praying for the remission of Rs 788-2-11 due by him to Govt.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
	Countermarked MM
	Indexed S.O. Jdl.

Ob 10

Mule Hole Toll-gate

On the 23rd April 1898 the right to collect tolls at the Mule-Hole Toll bar during the year 1898-99 was sold by auction to one Dodgman Sah for Rs 1708-8-

On the 10th September 98 the said Dodgman Sah petitioned complaining of heavy loss owing to a sudden decrease in traffic and praying for remission of a portion of the sale amount. The reasons for the decrease in traffic as alleged by the petr, are (1) introduction of plague rules and of segregation camps on the frontier; (2) failure of rain and consequent failure of crops; (3) the presence of

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of the epidemic at Bangalore
and Tumkur which prevented
people from carting timber
to those places. 4. Bad condition
of roads in the British territories
on the other side of the toll-bar
and 5. the British Govt
prohibiting the carting of
timbers by suspending them
with chains.

3 The Hy Comr called for
a report from the Amildar
on the allegations of the petr.

4 On the 30th January 1899 Amils report No 163
the Amildar submitted a detailed & 8.
report which runs to the
following effect :-

On enquiry it is found
that the collections during the
1st 3 months of the year were
Rs 60-2-7 66-12-1 and
Rs 41-3-11 respectively. None

of

of the several collections come
up to the amount of contract
viz. 11.2-bar the Sultan
Battery road is in a very
bad condition owing to heavy
rain The British Govt
march upon removing timber
on carts instead of by the
usual practice of suspending
them to carts with chains
Cartmen find it impossible
to remove big timber without
having recourse to the usual
practice For this reason &
owing to prevalence of Plague
at Bangalore & elsewhere
very few carts pass the Gole-
bar the collection is therefore
going down The allegations
of the petr is true owing to
the prevalence of plague the
traffic has considerably
decreased The amounts

realized from this toll bar during the previous 3 years are:

1895-96	=	510
1896-97	=	855
1897-98	=	1187
1898-99	=	1706

Considering the above amounts and the collections made up till now, I am not sure that the contract amount could be realized

5 The Sheikdar of Kuthanoor Sthalu, who had been directed by the Amildar to obtain a Mahazar from the people of the villages near the toll bar in question and to report on the matter, states that owing to Plague scare and other British Govt. proceedings the manner of carting timber, the traffic is almost nil. According to the petrol account Book the collections

Sheikdars report
Villagers Mahazar
Ex 12 & 11 & 13

July	60-2-7
Augt	66-12-4
Septr	41-3-11
Octr	32-3-7
Novr	29-2-0
Total	229-8-2

By board's order No 935
dt 21-2-99
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Sl 9 & 27/2

collections during the first
5 months of the year are
as given in the margin The
fiscal's allegations are further
corroborated by the statements
made by the villagers in the
Mahazar

6 Thereupon the Dy Commr
observed that under the existi
circumstances it was absolutel
necessary to know the amounts
for months actually realized d
the toll bar and directed
the issue of printed duplicate
receipt forms to all those
from whom the tolls should be collecte
a notice being at the same time affixed near the
gate that every payer of tolls should take a receipt

7 According to the ~~statistics~~
accounts maintained thereafter
Rs 61-1-4 were collected during
the months of April and Rs 68-6
during May 1899

8 In the meantime Dogmun
Saib presented several petitions to

the Amildar also by Govt praying for early orders, and on his previous petition

Vt 1445

On the 23rd June 1899 the Amildar reported that up the end of May Rs 930-12-H stood against Dongrum Sab and that when demanded he pleaded his inability to pay the same and referred to the petitions by Govt praying for remission of the amount

Amil's report 2450/687 of 23-6-99

Vt 24

2 The by Govt took objection to such a heavy sum having been allowed to remain uncollected and ordered that it shd be collected soon by proceeding against the property of the Petr in case he did not pay in time.

By Govt's order No 597 of 14-9-99

Vt 25

3 The appeal petition is against this order

In letter No 846 of the 10th

10th March 00 The Lt Govr

recommends that, by 2864-12-
being two months, Chief
may be remitted

Submitted for orders

Mark
16/4/00

Sent to the Govt.

Date in 23/4/00
Date out 24/4/00

No 65 in L7 45-96

Rd 4. Mr 30/IV/00

Regret that the whole period be not remitted
Under the circumstances
I think 4 months
would be sufficient
punishment

In fact the whole period of 6 months was remitted

In this case a remission of the Marker
whereby a convict unlikely to earn
was the most unfortunate
a European husband at the
death of his unfortunate
wife - Apart from
one - the circumstances
such leniency
Under the whole
circumstances
disclosed
and recommend

Mr Hallifax
Lyon Street
Fremantle
Sir

I am directed by the Lieut Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst and to inform you that the matter will be submitted for His Excellency's consideration.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Colonial Secretary

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This seems to be a hard case deserving of considera-tion - The recommendation does not however rest upon any understandable basis - As a rule the difference between the average of the past five years & the amount of the land in question will be remitted

The objections stated have been raised by the British authorities to the carrying of timber in the usual way, seem to require further investigation & a reference necessary to the Resident

Hallifax
on the Road
Scheme
Rolls are
concerned

This is a question between the Railway men & the Road Board authorities
We need not concern ourselves
Minute - The matter should be allowed to remain in abeyance

1899-1900

No. 1309

Name of Petitioner Mahomed Usman Sab

Village Ferry Contractor for 1898-99, Gundlepet Taluk

Taluk Gundlepet

District Mysore

Date of Arzi 7-1-1900

Date of Receipt 5-1-1900.

Date of Disposal

No. of Enclosure One order copy of plaint &c.

ABSTRACT

Amildar's Inst. No. 229 dt. 5-1-1900 re. the contract (Ferry) amount due by the Petnr for the year 1898-99 of the Kabbe Ferry, Gundlepet Tk., runs as follows.

"I forward herewith Order No. 750 dated 31-12-1899 which has arrived from the Huzur Office Comm. to the effect that the contract amount due by you should be collected at once in two months

for Plates. Mahomed Usman Sab

Contract Amount Rupees 600

Rs. 300 Rs. 300

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Rs.

cording to which he had to
ay Rs 142-6-4 per month to
ovt; that he has yet to
ay Rs 788-2-11; that as there
are very little traffic across
Visor on account of plague
Mysore & Bangalore, he
ne a petn to the Dy. Commr
aying that the Contract amount
ay be lessened or that the
ctual amount collected may
e taken from him; that
the Dy. Commr after recieving
report from the Amildar
ich was in his favour, gave
s above order; that including
the deposit he has paid Rs 20
to Govt more than what he
has realised in the Contract;
that the establishment costs
Rs 200 & the interest on the sum
deposited comes to Rs 60-4-0
all of which he has paid by
contracting debts;
& Prays that after the perusal
of the records The amount
still due by him may be
remitted & that as his property
attached and kept in

No 8409 R L104
L.7 45-96

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MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE.

LOCAL BOARDS BRANCH.

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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The accompanying Appeal Petition
Registered No. 1309 dated 1st January 98
received at the Dewan's Office from Mr Ele
Sahr who has taken up the Co
tract of the 'Mulé-Hole' To
gate in the Gundalpet Sale
for the year 1898-9, ~~transmitted~~
praying for the remission
the balance of the Contract
amount viz: 788-2-11 as
was very little traffick on a/c o
plague is forwarded, ~~together with its~~ to
enclosure, by Comr & Resi
to D.C. Mysore Dist for
report

From Mysore
No 8469 10/3/98 L 1496

2 Coercive measures, if
taken for the recovery of a
as stated in the Petn, may
deferred till the disposal
his Appeal to Govt

Submitted.
This may be
omitted I think.
DMJ
18-1-98

By order,

Secretary.
DMJ 18-1-98

BANGALORE,
Jan 98

63 8761 ~~66~~ 1496
11-Jan 1899-1900.

FROM The President, Local Board Branch, Singapore District

To The Secretary to the Government of Singapore Rev. & Genl. Department

Dated 10th March 1900.

Despatched

Received

General No. 846

No.

Enclosure No.

Submitting a report on the petition of Usman Sab Contractor of Bukit Timah Toll-gate in the Bukit Timah district for 1898-99

To the Same

10607 22/3/00

L. 746/96

Submitted for orders

Permission proposed in the letter dated 13/3

13-3-00

Please call for the original correspondence

Returned 15/3 S. Sheridan 14/3/00

No 846

Office of the President
Local Boards Branch
Singapore District.
Dated 8th March 1900.

From

The President, Local
Boards Branch Singapore Dist.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Singapore
Revenue Department.

Sir

With reference to the correspond-
ence ending with your docket No:
8996/6745-96 of the 3rd February 1900, calling
for a report on the petition of Aloman
Sab, contractor of the Bukit-Timah toll-
gate for the year 1898-99, I have the
honour to state that the right of
collecting tolls at the frontier station
at Bukit-Timah during 1898-99 was
sold by public auction on the 23rd
April

April 1898 by Assistant Commissioner
Mr. M. Shama Rao, and the high-
-est bid secured was for Rs 1708-8-0
from the petitioner. The sale was ex-
Confirmed by Mr. Puttanna Setty,
officiating Commissioner, and
and the Bab was made over to him
from the 7st July 1898.

2. On the 10th September 1898
the contractor presented a petition
to this office stating that owing to
the outbreak of Plague in Bangalore
and other places, the traffic on the
road had considerably fallen
off, and that the monthly collec-
-tions

collections did not amount to more than £60 or 65 and consequently prayed for a remission of the whole amount. The petition was referred to the Auditor on the 19th inst for a detailed report on the points urged therein. His report shows that the prayer for remission may receive some consideration. As the accounts received with the above report were entirely based on those kept by the contractor and as it was necessary to have the correct statistics to determine the extent of concession, if any to which the petitioner was entitled, I issued an

an order to the Amildar, directing him to issue the printed receipts to the persons from whom tolls were collected. In the months of April and May 1899 the collections amounted to Rs 61-1-4 and Rs 58-6-4 respectively. But after comparing the contract amount of the year 1898-99 with the figures of the preceding three years, I found that the petitioner's bid was not in any way unusually high, as can be seen from the following table.

Year	Incoming traffic	Out-going traffic	Total
1895-96	510 - -	- - -	510 - -
1896-97	855 - -	- - -	855 - -

				(for 9 months only)				
1897-98	750	-	-	437	8 -	1187	8	-
1898-99	854	4	-	854	4 -	1708	8	-

If the levy of both the tolls had been in force during those years, the average income per year would have been 1405. The amount bid for by the contractor exceeds the above by only ₹ 303-8-0. Though the contractors of three gates in the Hunsur Taluk were under the same if not greater disadvantages as the petitioner, none of them ever claimed any remission. The contractor in the Channarayapatna Taluk fully paid up the amount though he complained of some loss. It is only on personal enquiry

enquiry in the Heggaddevankote ta-
luk I recommended remission
of the Khist amount of two months
on behalf of the contractor. But owing
to the out-break of Plague some re-
Concession may be shown to them
accordingly I promised remission of
two months' Khist amount, as in
the case of the Heggaddevankote con-
tractor if he paid up the arrears
The amount due by him comes to
Rs 788-2-11, out of which Rs 284-12
may be remitted if the Government
sees no objection and the balance
recovered

Vide I. nos. 46 & 51 - K

Note is 2 months' Khist

recovered from the contractor

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

for President Local

and Board Inspectors District

65 9581 5-4-00. a/16/8

189 9-1900.

FROM The President, Local Board Branch, Mysore District

To The Secretary to the Government of Mysore Rev & Genl. department.

Dated 2nd } April 1900.
Despatched }
Received }

General No. 926
No.

Enclosure No. - one file of Vernacular Records.

Submitting the Vernacular Records in the case of Nanau Sab, the late contractor of Anle-Hole toll-gate in Gundalpett Taluk

To the same
12313-21 dy 12-3-00
L & 45-76
3.4.00

A. S. clear dy 7.4.00
Submitted for orders with the previous.
dy 17.4.00
16/4/00

No. 926

Enclosure Title Deed No. Nil

Office of the President
Local Boards Branch
Bijapore District.
Date 12th April 1900.

From.

The President, Local
Boards Branch, Bijapore Dist.

To,

The Secretary to the
Government of Bijapore
Revenue Department.

Sir,

As called for in your docket No.
10607 of the 23rd March 1900, I have
7-3-05-96
the honour to submit herewith the Vernacular papers ending with the Cyclostyled Amildar's report No. 174 of the 2nd Janry: 1900, in the Case of Usman Sab who was a Bridge-Hole toll-gate Contractor for 1898-99.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

[signature]

for President, Local Boards
Branch, Bijapore District

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Correspondence ending with letter no 926 dated the 2d April 1900 from the Presdt of the D.F. Board Ellapore circle in re a remission solicited by Roman Lab contractor for 1898-99 of the Mulchole Toll bar in the Gundlupet Taluk

D 12.5.00
R 1693

Order thereon 12313-21
F.745-96

The petitioner Roman Lab who had purchased the right of collecting tolls at the frontier station at Mulchole during 1898-99 for Rs 1708-8- prays for a remission of a portion of the sale amount on the grounds of a decrease in the traffic on the road owing to the prevalence of plague and other causes: the Dy Commr reports as the result of an enquiry ordered by him, that the Petr is entitled to some concession and

and recommends the remission
of two months' khist.

2. On a perusal of the
papers connected with the case,
it appears to Govt that this
is a hard case deserving
of indulgent consideration
The Dy. Com.r's recommendation
does not, however, rest upon
any understandable basis.
As a special case, Govt are
pleased to sanction the
remission in favour of the
petitioner of an amount
equal to the difference between
the average collection at the
toll bar during the past
five years and the amount
of the bid for the year in
question, viz Rs 303-8-0.

3 In this connection it must
be remarked that the Dy.C.'s
Court's procedure shows no
method

method whatever. In a matter involving a large remission the Shekdar was the most unlikely person to get at the truth and a Rokhaz prepared at his instance is next to useless. A higher officer should have gone to the spot and ascertained all the particulars at once the Dy. Com^r ought to keep it in view to check such tendencies of Taluk Amildars and higher officers to shove all important investigations off to the Shekdars. On the whole the fact are constrained to observe that the matter did not receive prompt attention and was not properly investigated by the District and local authorities

2d Grade
to be noted.

4-9-00

The Prov^l of the W.I. Rd
Mysore circle
Comptroller
Board^s of other D.T. Boards

Please finalise
Copy for Board
7-9-00